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Wendell Owen Co-Op Mining Company P. O. Box 1245 Huntington, UT 84528

Dear Mr. Owen:

Re: <u>Potential Pattern of Violations, Co-Op Mining Company, Bear Canyon Mine, ACT/015/025, Folder #5, Emery County, Utah</u>

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that Co-Op Mining Company has a potential pattern of violations regarding its operations at the Bear Canyon Mine. The potential pattern is based on the following violations:

C90-26-1-1 N90-34-1-1 N91-35-1-1 N91-20-1-1 N91-26-7-2, 2/2

The Division will not proceed to further evaluate this potential pattern until any appeals of violations N91-20-1-1 and N91-26-7-2, 2/2, have been completed and finalized. However, the seriousness of this situation merits your attention. If the Division determines that such a pattern exists, you will be notified and the matter will go before the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining. A finding by the Board of a pattern of violations due to willful and unwarranted failure to comply, as delineated in Utah Admin. R614-400-330 through 335 is cause for suspension or revocation of Co-Op's permit.

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Please contact Lowell Braxton or me if you have any questions. The Division is available to discuss operations at the mine, but compliance with the program requires an ongoing commitment by Co-Op and its staff.

Best regards,

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